



**Placer County HHS County IHSS
Advisory Committee Meeting
February 21, 2008
1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Members Present: Eula Marshall, Katie Snoberger, Diane Lester, Mary DeGraaf, Margaret Maldaner, Michael Fletcher and Tim Cooper

Members Absent: Sherrie Comer and Phylis Nelson

Placer County Staff Present: Eldon Luce, Janelle Bloomdale, Jen Silmaro (IHSS Intern) and Pauline Moreno

Public Present: Ned Zoeller, IHSS provider

Mary called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

Roll Call and Introductions: Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

Excused Absences: **Action:** A motion was made by **Margaret** and seconded by **Katie** to approve Sherrie and Phylis' absences as excused. **The motion carried.**

Member Reports/Announcements/Questions

- Eldon explained the Conflict of Interest Statements (Form 700) and asked that that the members sign and return the form.
- Ned has attended three consecutive meetings; Ned is now eligible to apply for a position on the Advisory Committee. An Advisory Committee application has been provided.
- Jen Silmaro introduced herself and shared some of her background. She is in her last year at Sacramento State University. Jen is currently serving as an IHSS intern.

Public Comment: No public comment was offered.

Approve 1-17-08 Meeting Summary: In the "*Approve Meeting Summary*" header, the date is amended to read 11-15-07 in lieu of 9-15-07.

Action: A motion was made by **Michael** and seconded by **Eula** to approve the 1-17-08 Meeting Summary as corrected. **The motion carried.**

CICA Report: Eldon reported on the 2/20/08 CICA conference call:

- CICA is in the process of updating their website.
- In lieu of an annual conference this year, CICA is planning on having regional conferences. They have identified San Francisco, Northern/Southern California and maybe Chico as possible locations for one-day conferences. CICA plans to provide training on how to approach local legislators regarding the value of the IHSS program. Eldon will advise the committee of conference dates as they become available.
- Appropriate uses of Advisory Committee funds will soon be resolved by the CA Department of Social Services (CDSS). CDSS will issue a letter to all counties on how Advisory Committee funds can be used. It appears as though CICA dues will be included as an appropriate use of Advisory Committee funds.
- Eldon reminded the group that they are supposed to have an official representative to CICA; a requirement of CICA membership. Eldon asked if any committee member would like to volunteer to be the CICA representative. There were no volunteers at this time. Eldon will continue to serve as the CICA representative.

Advisory Committee Recommendations to IHSS Supervisor: There were no recommendations offered.

Report - Potential Newsletter Advertisements: Eldon reported that he had not yet had time to address this issue. He plans on talking with the county counsel soon. Eldon announced that, due to budget considerations, the number of newsletter editions may be reduced from four to three per year.

Report - Workers' Comp and Policy for Provider Benefit Coverage: Eldon stated that if a provider becomes injured while on the job they may lose their benefits because they might not meet the eligibility requirement of 65 paid hours per month. After discussion it was agreed that when a provider returns to work after being out on Workers' Comp, they will only need to meet one month's eligibility (in lieu of two months); and they will be moved to the top of the waiting list once their application has been received. It is understood that the provider

must maintain eligibility while on the waiting list and once they are enrolled in the health plan.

Action: A motion was made by **Katie** and seconded by **Margaret** that a provider returning to work after being out on Workers' Comp will only need to meet one month's eligibility and they will be moved to the top of the waiting list; with the understanding that the provider must maintain eligibility while on the waiting list and once they are enrolled in the health plan. **The motion carried.**

PA Managers Report: Eldon Luce, Public Authority Manager

IHSS Legislation: Eldon reported on the Governor's proposed cuts to IHSS:

- An 18% cut in domestic and related hours for recipients.
- A 10% cut in funds for IHSS administration.
- **Provider Benefits:** There are currently 61 providers on the waiting list. An additional 54 have become eligible for health insurance benefits this month. 13 were cancelled from and subsequently 13 enrolled for benefits.
- **Provider Recruitment:** There were no formal provider recruitment activities this month.
- **Provider Training:** The American Red Cross will provide free CPR training on Saturday, March 1st.
- **Consumer Handbook:** A new Consumer Handbook should be released in March. A copy will be provided at the March meeting.
- **AC Member Recruitment:** An applicant has been found to fill a Provider slot: **Ned Zoller**. A request to move **Margaret** into a Service Recipient slot and Ned's application for the Provider's slot will be sent to the IHSS Public Authority Board for approval.
- **Newsletter:** The next newsletter is due to be distributed toward the end of April.
- **Authorized Hours Report:** The January Authorized Hours report shows that:
 - For *Severally Impaired* recipients the average authorized hours per case was 186 the *statewide average* was 155 authorized hours per case.
 - For *Non-Severally Impaired* recipients the average authorized hours per case was 74; the *statewide average* was 67 authorized hours per case.

- For the *total caseload* the average authorized hours per case was 115 the *statewide average* was 87 authorized hours per case.
- **January 2008 Registry Report:** Eldon referred the committee to the Registry Report handout. He noted that we are doing very well meeting our performance measures.

Items for February Agenda

- *Discussion:* What kind of advertisements do we want to include in the IHSS Newsletter?
- *Discussion:* Who will contact prospective advertisers?
- *Discussion:* CICA Representative

Action: A motion was made by **Diane** and seconded by **Eula** to adjourn the meeting. **The motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 P.M.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting

**March 20, 2008
The Domes, Conference Room A, Fulweiler**